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Winter is here

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Biochar rezoning approved by committee, deferred by council

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A proposed biochar facility that Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve wants to construct on Kennaway Road is one step closer to becoming a reality.

On Dec. 5, the Dysart public planning committee recommended approving a rezoning application, following two pub-

lic meetings filled with questions from neighbouring residents. Concerns have included drainage issues, noise, traffic and emissions.

Last week, the Haliburton County Development Corporation submitted a letter to the municipality in support of the proposal, said Dysart planning director Patricia Martin.

The facility will be constructed at 1088 Kennaway Rd., a property already owned

by Haliburton Forest and zoned for industrial purposes.

President of the Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners Association, Karl Gonnser questioned whether the type of facility being proposed was permitted under the general industrial zone, as he believes the biochar facility is a waste disposal plant.

Dysart planning director Patricia Martin is classifying it as a processing plant.

Gonnser requested that council postpone the zoning change until the required environmental approvals were in place.

"The problem is we're not getting the information we need," he said.

Gonnser added that as president of the association he wasn't in a position to say whether or not they were against the proposal as there were too many unknowns.

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More information needed, councillors say

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One of the biggest areas of concern was smell, he said. General manager of the Haliburton Forest Malcolm Cockwell said staff would be happy to meet to answer any questions.

Chairwoman of the public planning committee and Dysart Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts said she had to trust the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and added there is a rigorous approval system the applicant must go through.

Resident Jim Blake said he was a nearby neighbour to the project and has reviewed all the research about bio-char.

Blake said the proposal was "a most desirable busi-

ness for Haliburton County," as it was locally owned and had the potential to create 20 year-round jobs and infuse money into the county.

Area resident Jim Miners said Gonnen said he did not speak on behalf of everyone in the lake association as there has been no vote taken among association members, which he wanted on the record.

"He does not speak for me," said Miners.

The committee recommended the zoning change be approved. The file was on the Dec. 12 Dysart council agenda, where councillors further discussed the proposal and the zoning application.

Martin said the facility was definitely permitted for the zoning classification and that the municipality was fortunate to have a proposal like this coming forward.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said he thought more information should be available before approving the application, and suggested deferring it until January.

"We need to find answers," he said.

Planning committee member and Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts said she was in support of the project.

Councillor Susan Norcross, however, agreed with Fearrey that more information was needed.

Cockwell wasn't sure what more information was needed for the rezoning and said he didn't expect to have approvals from the MOECC in place until the spring.

He confirmed the kilns couldn't be operated until the approvals were in place.

The zoning application won't impact if the facility can be constructed, but rather where on the property it will be located.

"We're going to build a building one way or another," said Cockwell.

The file was deferred to the January meeting of council.

Cardiff man charged with child porn offences

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police Child Sexual Exploitation Unit assisted by the Technological Crime Unit and Bancroft OPP Detachment have arrested and charged a Cardiff man following a child pornography investigation.

On Dec. 7, members of the OPP Child Sexual Exploitation Unit, the OPP Technological Crime Unit and the Bancroft OPP detachment arrested a 28-year-old man for possessing and making available child pornography.

John Allen Belbin, 28, of Cardiff is charged with two counts of possession of child pornography and one count of making available child pornography.

The accused was held in custody pending a bail hearing on Dec. 8 at the Ontario Court of Justice in Belleville.

The investigation is continuing.

Submitted by Bancroft OPP

Dysart council looks at traffic numbers

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Dec. 12 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Councillors got a look at the results of a traffic calming study done by the Communities in Action committee at the end of September at the Highland Street entrance to the Head Lake parking lot.

Presented by Sue Shikaze, the pop-up project was done to help determine the vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the intersection and safety concerns by using pylons and barriers to create a more clearly defined entrance into the parking lot.

Held on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the study saw traffic entering the parking lot peak between the hours of 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., particularly between the hour of 1 to 2 p.m.

In total, vehicles made up 61 per cent of the traffic, while pedestrians accounted for 35 per cent. The other four per cent were bicycles and other (such as skateboards).

Some of the feedback from the public included remarking on the improved aesthetic of the entranceway; how the area was unsafe; and that people needed to slow down.

Councillors agreed the area could use some improvements and line painting.

"It looks unattractive," said Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts. Looking ahead, the committee would like to update the pop-up design and bring it back during the summer.

Harcourt Community Centre inching along with rebuild

Plans to rebuild the Harcourt Community Centre are moving along in baby steps, following a fire that destroyed the building more than a year ago.

Council has received the amount from their insurance provider that will be issued to cover the building cost, with Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey saying a slight

increase was given.

Councillors and staff will be meeting with architects to go over building plans this week, with the hope of reducing the costs to align more closely with the insurance coverage. "I suspect there will still be a shortfall," he said. Fearrey said the project's cost will likely be part of next year's budget deliberations.

Municipal building to grow

Plans are taking shape for an addition to the Dysart township office on Mountain Street.

Councillors were given drawings of three potential plans ranging from 1,400 square feet to 2,520.

Fearrey suggested the second option, which measures 2,288 square feet, made most sense.

The plan includes additional offices, storage space and a back entrance for staff only. The plan was designed by Duncan Ross Architect.

Councillors agreed to go with the 2,288 square foot plan.

Wenona Lake application moves forward

Council has agreed to proceed with a zoning bylaw amendment application that would allow a property owner on Wenona Lake to sever her parcel of land into four properties.

The file was brought forth to the Haliburton County Land Division committee earlier this year, which recommended it be approved.

Councillor Dennis Casey questioned whether a boating study should be done before the file proceeded. Planning director Patricia Martin said a study would delay the project by about a year, causing the application to lapse.

Roberts said she didn't believe a study would change anything moving forward.

Martin said the Miskwabi Area Community Association did not appeal the decision made by the land division committee.

The file will be on the Feb. 6 public meeting agenda.

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Food for Kids nets donation

Haliburton Highlands Bass Club's secretary Pat Kennedy, vice-president Jon Hill and president Mark McMaster presented a \$1,000 cheque to Haliburton County Food for Kids co-ordinator Aaron Walker on Thursday, Dec. 8 at the Echo office in Haliburton. The donation came from entry fees from nine live release bass tournaments this past season. Absent for the photo was club member George Oelkuch, who along with his sponsor Barry Cullen Chevrolet in Guelph donated an additional \$2,500 to Food for Kids. /DARREN LUM Staff



Community Living executive director Teresa Jordan stands outside the Donna Jones Community Room at the former Victoria Street School in Haliburton with a picture of the lady of whom the room is in memory. A former client of Community Living, Jones passed away in 2015 and the organization received a substantial gift from her family, which was used to refurbish the meeting room and make the building accessible. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Donation helps Community Living remember special individual

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Donna Jones loved to play records. She could often be found in her room with music strewn all over the floor, as she was singing, dancing and laughing.

The Haliburton resident and former Community Living client had a zest for life and lived it to the fullest until her death in May 2015, at the age of 60.

Now the memory of her lives on with the Donna Jones Community Room, located at the former Victoria Street School, home to Community Living and other local organizations.

The room, which is an all-purpose meeting facility open to be used by anyone, was named in her honour following a significant gift of \$30,000 made by Donna's parents Morris and Dot Jones.

"This money was used to complete the renovations to the school for accessibility and to refurbish the meeting room," said Community Living executive director Teresa Jordan.

Jordan described Morris and Dot as hardworking folks in Haliburton County that steadfastly strived for a good life for their daughter.

Donna lived in Community Living's Mountain Street residence from 2004 to 2014, at which point she moved to Extendedicare.

The donation came as a surprise to the organization, said Jordan.

"It is a wonderful gift in honour of a wonderful life," she said.

The room is currently being used by the Ministry of Transportation for senior drivers training, as well as Children's Aid and other organizations for various purposes.

Jordan said the goal is to always have the room available for the community.

Donna will always be remembered by Community Living staff for her love of dancing and nursery rhymes, said support worker Donna West.

"One of her favourite passions was her record collection," said Jordan.

"Oh yes," said West. "You would walk into her bedroom and they would be all out of the cases and thrown all over the floor. She went through at least three record players ... it didn't matter if they were scratched. And you would hear her singing ... she would just sing away in her room."

"Everybody just loved her, it was infectious. You couldn't help but just laugh and smile with her," said West.

Donna's picture is now hanging on the organization's memory tree, a project that was completed in recent months.

The tree was created to remember clients who have passed. The mural is painted in the entranceway of the school and was done by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Noelle Russell.

On the various branches of the tree are framed pictures of more than a dozen clients, with plans for more to be added, said Jordan.



A memory tree has been created at Community Living's Victoria Street School location in honour of former clients who have passed away. The tree was painted by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Noelle Russell and has 14 portraits to date, with more to be added.

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Petition calls for public funding for low-income adult dental coverage

JENN WATT

Editor

Very little data exists on the dental health of the adult population in Haliburton County. In fact, there is little data on adult dental health available broken down by region, which makes pinpointing the needs of the local community tricky.

"The health unit has statistics on rates of tooth decay in local children, based on its dental screening program in local schools," says Anna Rusak, oral health promoter at the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "However, there is not a lot of information the health unit collects on the oral health of adults in its region. That makes comparing the state of adult oral health between geographical regions and in urban versus rural areas difficult."

However, by looking at national and provincial statistics, the local health unit says there is evidence to support expanding provincial dental programs to include low-income adults and seniors. They've teamed up with the Ontario Oral Health Alliance and Northumberland Oral Health Coalition to ask the province to make dental assistance available to low-income adults and seniors within two years.

According to the Canadian Health Measures Survey conducted between 2007 and 2009 from about 6,000 Canadians, cost is a factor in decisions about dental health for many.

Their finding say that about a third of Canadians don't have dental insurance and that 17 per cent of those surveyed "avoided going to a dental professional in the last year because of the cost."

A report done on dental care inequalities in Ontario using data from 2005 had similar findings, but noted a clear trend amongst those with less education and lower incomes and dental care.

"Most Ontarians (80 per cent) tend to visit a dentist for preventative purposes while one in five visits a dentist only in emergencies," the Report on Access to Dental Care and Oral Health Inequalities in Ontario reads. "Those with lower income, less than secondary school graduation, the uninsured and those 65 years of age and older were more likely to visit only when an emergency occurs."

Within the health unit's catchment – Cobourg, Campbellford, Lindsay and Haliburton – 1,786 visits to the emergency room were made in 2012 to address dental problems, 472 of which were at HHHS.

For low-income Ontarians without insurance, the ER is often the only dental care they receive.

However, in Haliburton County there is additional service.

The Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic has been helping low-income residents since 2011. Since that time, they have served 688 patients with more than 5,200 appointments and more than \$1.8 million in dental work done. The care is free thanks to volunteers and donations.

VDO founder, board member and volunteer Lisa Kerr said amongst the adult population, the most common issues in this county are wisdom teeth pain and TMJ (jaw pain).

Over the last year, the addition of a new volunteer dentist to the roster has allowed them to see everyone with a 10 out of 10 pain level – "the pain that keeps them up at night and they can't function and can't work."

And while the clinic was initially set up to handle the major dental work needed to help those who haven't seen

Statistics from the Canadian Health Measures Survey

- Canadians with dental insurance - 62 per cent
- Canadians with no insurance - 32 per cent
- Those on public insurance - 6 per cent
- Adults with a history of cavities - 96 per cent
- Those who had seen a dentist in the last year - 74 per cent
- Those who avoided the dentist because of cost in the last year - 17 per cent
- Those avoiding all recommended treatments because of cost - 16 per cent
- 73 per cent of Canadians surveyed brushed twice a day
- 28 per cent flossed at least five times a week

a dentist in years, it has morphed into a typical dental practice offering check ups, cleanings and advice on proper dental care.

The presence of a dental hygienist and dental assistant is crucial, Kerr said, in ensuring better overall health and preventing decay and other health issues from arising.

"It's much more cost effective to deal with the preventative [measures]: have people checked before they need root canals, before they need surgery to have their teeth out and then replaced. It's much better to have them in for their teeth cleaned regularly and have check ups done so they can take care of problems when they're small and cost effective," she said.

Clients at VDO help create a positive atmosphere for everyone, says Alana Bannister, clinical manager and dental assistant. "I love it. The people are so appreciative of what you do." Bannister started at VDO during a co-op placement and said she was originally afraid of dentists herself and decided to go into the profession to help others.

While Lisa Kerr and her husband, dentist Bill Kerr, are passionate about helping the community and ensuring good oral health care, they're not sure whether provincially funded care for all low-income adults and seniors is the solution.

It seems unrealistic for the province to fund all of the low income residents, Bill Kerr said.

He said "it would be awesome in an ideal world," but thought the cost to the province of such a plan would be "tremendous."

He referenced other parts of the health care system that are still underfunded, wondering how they could also pay for enhanced dental care as well.

Lisa suggested there may be alternative policy solutions that could be explored.

MPP Laurie Scott's office confirmed that they would be pleased to present the petition to the legislature when it is submitted.

The health unit argues that providing dental care for low-income adults would save the health system \$31 million a year in avoided emergency room visits.

Petitions are available at the health unit and online by going to their website: hkpr.on.ca.



Alana Bannister, back, is clinical manager and dental assistant at the Volunteer Dental Outreach. In November, she and the staff at VDO were joined by Jennifer Hutnick, who came to volunteer. Hutnick is going into dentistry. The VDO has filled the gap in the Highlands for low-income adults who cannot afford going to the dentist. Outside Haliburton County, most communities have nothing like VDO, prompting the health unit to call on the government to provide coverage for all adults who have low incomes. JENN WATT Staff



Old Fashioned Christmas concert this Wednesday

Members of the Haliburton Concert Band practise on Friday for the Old Fashioned Christmas concert at St. George's Anglican Church coming up on Wednesday, Dec. 14. They will be performing with the Highlands Male Chorus at 7:30 p.m. It's \$10 at the door with money going to area food banks. Audience members are encouraged to also bring an item for the food bank. JENN WATT Staff

Volunteer's dedication to health care recognized

JENN WATT

Editor

The Haliburton Auxiliary Associations of Ontario awarded longtime Haliburton volunteer Joan Stinson with the provincial life member award at the local auxiliary's meeting and Christmas luncheon on Dec. 7.

Marion Saunders, president of the provincial association, came to Haliburton to give Stinson the award. As a surprise, Joan's husband Bob and her daughter Lorri Roberts attended the lunch.

Saunders read out a certificate sent to Stinson from Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne.

It reads in part: "Your dedication to volunteering and your belief in the power of altruism to change lives for the better serve as an inspiration to your community and our province as a whole."

Past president Tracey Lear told the *Echo* that Stinson is one of those volunteers you can count on to step up and help whenever needed.

"Anything that comes up she'll say, 'I can do it,'" she said.

Stinson has been a volunteer with the auxiliary for about 20 years. In that time, she's held most positions from secretary to president.

She said she has continued to give her time to the auxiliary because of the important role health care plays.

"We need it [the hospital] here because we have a lot of senior citizens and people just in general that need a hospital. The more equipment we can get, then people wouldn't have to travel so far for their tests," she said.

Youth arrested following Twitter threat to school board

JENN WATT

Editor

A 16-year-old male from Gravenhurst was arrested and charged with mischief and uttering threats on Friday morning after Trillium Lakelands District School Board received a "generalized threat."

According to Bracebridge OPP the threat had been made to the board via Twitter, triggering a "hold and secure" precautionary measure at every school in the entire board Dec. 9. This meant the schools locked their exterior doors, not allowing anyone in or out.

"The tweet was made to the Trillium Lakelands School Board and as a result all Trillium Lakelands Schools, both elementary and secondary, were put into a 'hold and secure' in order to ensure the safety of students while police investigate," a press release from Bracebridge OPP reads.

Around 11 a.m. the school board tweeted the "hold and secure" had been lifted.

Police say there is no threat to school safety, but they are asking for any information the public may have. Call Bracebridge OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Joan Stinson, second from right, receives her provincial life membership to the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario from Marion Saunders, HAAO president. Joining her at Bonnie View Inn on Dec. 7 was her daughter Lorri Roberts and husband Bob Stinson. JENN WATT Staff

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Fair

Online reality

SOMETIMES IT FEELS as though the fast-forward button got stuck on our world. News events move at lightning speed. The scandal of yesterday has to move over for the obsession of today, which will be nearly forgotten tomorrow.

Twenty-four hour news channels bear a part of the blame, but more than that our social media – Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram – play an even more insidious role. Advertised as a way to connect “socially,” these platforms seem to be doing more harm than good. They allow people to make snap judgments, to communicate their most base emotions immediately and with little time for reflection. And responses are just as rapid. We’re all watching warily as the United States reaps the results of fake news in their presidential election with a tweeter-in-chief who spends more time on this cellphone than in security briefings.

Social media isn’t just an issue on the international or national stage, but it’s also an issue here. Last week, the school board locked every school from Lindsay to Muskoka after a “generalized threat” was tweeted to them. We’re not privy to the threat itself, but we now know that it came from a 16-year-old boy from Gravenhurst. He’s been charged with mischief and uttering threats.

Now, the threat could have just as easily come by letter, email or phone. Twitter, the platform, is not responsible for that. But this most recent incident seems to follow the pattern of larger issues with the Internet and the way we use it.

A tool that can be a window to

the world can also give rise to bullying and abuse. And we’re just now coming to terms with this shift. According to PREVnet, a coalition of researchers and child advocacy organizations, one in three kids say that they have been cyberbullied. The top reasons the students say cyberbullying happens is how instantaneous the medium is, the powerful feeling it gives, and the ability to remain anonymous.

And as we saw last week, things can get out of hand very quickly. Every single school in the board was

locked to visitors and no one was allowed to leave. That’s a big deal.

It’s frightening that in 140 characters someone can cause that much concern for the safety and wellbeing of children.

But what can we do about it?

The tech companies play a role and they have begun addressing some of the issues – Facebook is attempting to slow the spread of

misinformation, Twitter is cracking down on neo-Nazis and other hate-mongers, even Gmail is providing a delay on emails where you have a small amount of time to halt the message before it sends.

We also know our education system teaches online literacy and anti-bullying.

But it’s not yet enough. Just as we need to teach our kids to be kind and remind ourselves to bite our tongues when the temptation to overreact arises, we must take the online world just as seriously.

There are people and consequences on the receiving end of each email, post and tweet. We need to remember that.



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Rough and smooth

by Darren Lum

Listening

IN MOST OF THE YOGA and qigong classes I teach I begin guiding a meditation on listening. People are welcome to lie on their backs and some choose to sit. We close our eyes, soften our faces and hands and open our ears to the field of sound that is around us. There is always sound around us and we practise listening without preferring or judging sounds. We listen to sounds far away and to those closer to us in the studio. It’s mindfulness of sound. Sounds come and go and we continue to listen. When we notice our minds following the sounds or making up stories about the sound, we acknowledge that and come back to listening. It’s a simple exercise that everyone can do and it focuses our attention.

Being an attentive listener is the foundation of good communications which is the foundation of positive relationships. And when we are really listening, we stop ruminating about things that are hard or confusing in our lives. We are present in the moment and that is helpful. There are many benefits to being a good listener. When I walk in the woods I stop and listen to the birds. On a rainy day I listen to the sound of the rain against the window. When I’m in the city, I listen to the sounds of the people and the activities and the hustle and bustle. When I’m in the car I listen to all the music that a 16 year old listens to. That is an education!

We are always surrounded by sound. I believe that my ability to really listen has slowly improved over my years of doing this kind

of meditation. Two weekends ago I had the pleasure of attending the Highland Festival Singers performance of the *Messiah*. 2016 is the 25th anniversary for the choir. The concert was sold out and I had a seat almost at the back. I sat down with my friends and when the concert began I closed my eyes and listened. I’ve never sat through a concert with closed eyes but I decided I was going to use it as meditation. I almost didn’t go to the concert because I had just arrived home from a four-hour drive after helping my parents for the weekend and I was really tired.

But I went and I sat and I opened my ears to the field of sound around me. It’s hard to put into words what I experienced. The waves of music washing over everyone in the church was spectacular. The choir of about 50 singers was powerful with all of those voices working together. The guest soloists had really incredible and strong voices. The organist was perfect. Several times I was in tears because it was just so moving. By the end, my heart felt so full from listening. I left feeling like I had gotten my Christmas gift for this year. I felt energized and inspired from my experience of listening. I wasn’t tired anymore. It makes me wonder if Melissa gets so much done in her life because she has so much energy from all of her years of listening and being surrounded by music and bringing music to our community.

Thank you everyone in the choir for giving our community such a beautiful gift.

Tales from
the great



Lynda
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green meadow

points of view

The times they are a changing

THE OTHER DAY, THROUGH NO FAULT of my own, I was given a calendar – actually two.

The first showed wholesome scenes that put your heart at ease and the other depicted delicate subject matter, which clearly should have been reserved only for those of a certain age.

The one that illustrated wholesome scenes showed very fit, obviously enthusiastic young women in the attire of electricians, carpenters, mechanics, plumbers and other trades. They were holding tools in their hands, ready and able to go to work. Apparently, the calendar photo shoots were done in July though – hence the short shorts and the Daisy-Duke tops as well as the required hard hats and boots.

I confess, I have never seen one of our local male contractors on a job site in summer, but I assume they all dress this way.

A quick but thoughtful inspection of this calendar made me think, "Boy, we've come a long way. Look at all these young

women working in what were, at one time, male-dominated professions. Good for them!"

Honestly, it made my heart sing.

It was the second calendar that I had issues with.

You see, it portrayed things that were titillating but clearly not for the eyes of impressionable young people. In fact, I'd go so far as to say it was not politically correct at all.

Take the painting that accompanied the month of March. That depiction showed a thriving shop whose sign announced it sold bait, tackle, guns and ammo as well as sweet tea made by a woman named

Mary. As if that were not bad enough, there was a dog, which appeared to be unlicensed, lying out in front and not on a lead – so you just knew that the owners were intentionally in contravention of any poop and scoop bylaws.

Worse still, there in the foreground was a lemonade stand that had no certificate of approval from the local health unit and was also unattended. And the proprietor was selling that uninspected lemonade for five cents without any business licence on display. As if that weren't enough, in the foreground not five feet from the food preparation area was a trash can and not one recycling container.

Yes, this painting depicted the world as it used to be – basically devoid of excessive rules.

It occurred to me that if younger people see this sort of thing, they will start to believe that stringent oversight is not actually required for everything we do. And we can't have that.

The April painting was perhaps the worst offender. It showed a shiny new police car, parked beside a white picket fence in a shiny new subdivision. No officers were present and yet the windows were rolled right down as if to intentionally invite access to the shotgun in the back to any thief who was interested.

In front of the parked police car was another officer on a nice vintage motorcycle. Instead of guarding the vehicle, however, he was having a friendly conversation with two, unattended pre-school children. All that seemed just fine until you realize neither the officer on the Harley nor the child on the tricycle was wearing helmets.

Add this photo to the previously described one that apparently advocated allowing potentially vicious dogs to roam freely or unknown merchants to sell sweet tea and lemonade that might cause a public health concern and I think you can see that this calendar was encouraging people to live fast and loose, like we did when I was a kid.

And that leads to things like lawn dart tournaments, allowing kids to shoot BB guns in unsupervised settings and problems for the helmet industry in general.

Despite this, Jenn made me get rid of the first calendar.



Loon Tales

steve
galea



pic of the past

Eagle Lake Church Choir from the early 1960s. Front row: Wanda Barry, Delaine Moore, Patsy Barry, Valerie Swanton, Marie Peters. Back row: Brigitte Hanke, Rosaline Morrison, Sharon Bain and Margaret Fawns. Submitted by Willis Harrison

letters to the editor

The Pitfalls of Profile

To the Editor,

All organizations have to consider their "profile." Profile is how people view us. Do they know what we do? Do they understand the issues our clients deal with? Do they know how we help and the impact we have?

The easiest way to get profile, is to have the people who have been helped talk about it. First-hand accounts are very powerful. But talking about it only works if the issue they've had is one they want to talk about. It doesn't work so well if the challenge they experienced and got help with isn't one they want to talk openly about. Maybe it's something that could affect how people perceive them; maybe it could affect their family or children; maybe it could affect employment or potential employment. So although they may express their appreciation to us, they won't be talking with their neighbours about their very personal struggles. Few people would hesitate to give a testimonial about how they were helped by the doctors or EMS services. But if they were helped to escape from an abusive situation by the YWCA, or given food by SIRCH, they may not be as eager to put their name out there. Understandably.

As a result, organizations that deal with problems like food security, mental health, violence against women, grief, addictions often have lower profiles. SIRCH has, throughout its 28 year history, tackled some of the toughest and most hidden issues in this county. We built the first shel-

ter for women in this community. We brought in mental health services. We initiated numerous anti-poverty programs. And we do get lots of testimonials. We know we impact lives in a really positive way ... but as you can imagine, the people giving them usually want to remain anonymous. And we always respect that.

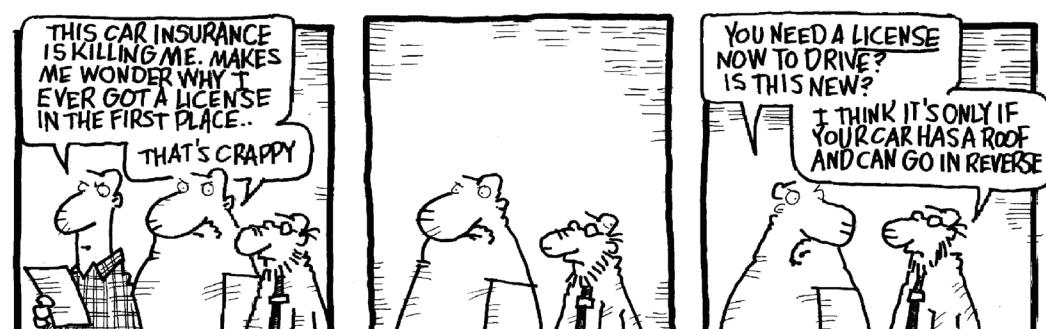
Christine Bond recently wrote us. Along with her donation to Gifts from the Heart, she gave us permission to use her testimony and name because she wanted to help others understand how important the Bereavement Program is:

"I could not have gone forward in my life if it hadn't have been for SIRCH's bereavement program. The facilitators are well trained and showed compassion, caring and guidance at every step. I wasn't really keen on group sharing but once I joined, it was wonderful. All the other people were struggling just like myself. We all grew together in our journey and I made some wonderful friends who I try to see once a week even though we have completed our levels. They will stay my friends forever and it is all kept confidential. Thank you!"

The Bereavement Program is funded entirely on donations. When you are considering donating this holiday season, please consider SIRCH. We may not have a high profile, but our work changes lives.

Gena Robertson
SIRCH Community Services

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Santa visits Wilberforce

The Santa Comes to Wilberforce and parade event drew hundreds on Sunday, Dec. 11 in Wilberforce. The parade went down main street followed by the party with Santa at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre.



Clockwise, from left, eight-year-old Kiera Alden of Wilberforce speaks with Santa; Highland Grove mother Kristy Smith, left, holds the hand of her son Liam Blaney, 2, as he watches his sister Madeline, 3, sit on Santa's lap; the Wilberforce Agricultural Society had a float and people handing out candy to the crowds who came out to watch the annual Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade; six-year-old Madilin Haywood and her mother Kim Toews of Haliburton were among hundreds at the Santa Comes to Wilberforce and parade event; Horse riders from the South Algonquin Trails smile in the annual Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade as they go down the main street of town on Sunday, Dec. 9. The parade included Santa, emergency vehicles, the Shriners, Wilberforce Foodland, Curry Chevrolet, the Jets, Haliburton and District Lions Club, local politicians such as Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, MPP Laurie Scott and MP Jamie Schmale. Organized by the Santa Fund Committee and assisted by volunteers, the event included free photos (by Tammy Donaldson), food, refreshments, and some 220 gifts for children 10 and under, which were purchased by the committee and also donated by members of the Highlands East Fire Department. There were an additional 16 items donated to the Secret Santa Table by Terry and Marilyn Bullerwell, the No. 2 and No. 4 stations of the Highlands East Fire Department. These items were awarded to lucky recipients whose free tickets were drawn./DARREN LUM Staff



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Echo & Times Holiday Schedule

The Echo & Times will not be published the week of December 26. County Life will be published as usual Thursday, December 29..

The Echo office hours are as follows:

CLOSED: December 26 and December 27

OPEN: December 28 – 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CLOSED: January 2, 2017

The Minden Times office will be closed December 26, 2016 - January 3, 2017.





Neighbours join for feast

Guests enjoyed a lunch turkey, potatoes and, carrots at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Community Support Services Christmas lunch in Wilberforce on Dec. 9. The lunch had almost 50 in attendance and included door prizes, music and a visit from Santa Claus himself.



The jolly old St. Nick visited with guests who attended the lunch, which has been an annual tradition for more than a decade.



OPP collects for Christmas

Members of the Haliburton County OPP detachment were on hand on Dec. 9 to collect donations for local food banks for the annual Fill a Cruiser event in Wilberforce. The initiative brought in more than \$4,000 in food and monetary donations from the Haliburton and Minden events, held earlier in the week. This year marked a return of Fill a Cruiser to Wilberforce, outside of Foodland. From left, auxiliary OPP Garrett Harrison, Highlands East councillor Joan Barton, Foodland owner Craig McDonald, OPP constable Tim Negus, auxiliary OPP Brad Robinson. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Laurel McCauley, left, and Guy Pritchard entertain with Christmas tunes at the lunch. The lunch had almost 50 in attendance and was a delicious meal of turkey, mashed potatoes and stuffing. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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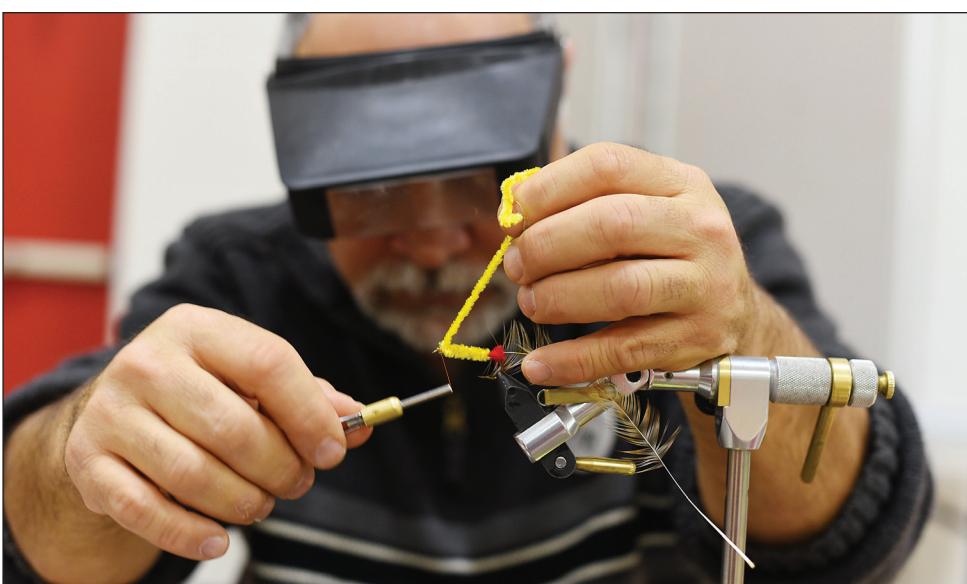
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Give it a try

There were a variety of things to learn by doing at the Try It fair on Friday, Dec. 9 such as working with stained glass with local artist Tom Green, in the foreground, at the athletic facility in HHSS. Hundreds attended the event that included bacterial painting, a horse riding simulator, drumming, fly tying, lino cut block printing and stop motion animation. It provided students, faculty and the public a chance to meet with and learn by doing from artists, inventors and experts in their fields. There were close to 30 exhibitors at the afternoon event organized by the Haliburton County Public Library. /DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton Fly Fishing Club's Steve Galea works on tying a fly at the Try It event on Friday, Dec. 9 at the athletic facility in HHSS.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 10 student Attila Baricz focuses on instruction on how to tie a fly from the Haliburton Fly Fishing Club's Steve Galea at the Try It fair.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 student Dylan Freake rides the equine simulator, brought by South Algonquin Trails and staff Jesse Mueller.



With Laura Trach of Orange Cat Studio looking on, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 student Rachael Reddering tries her hand at hemming.

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From right, Cecil Ryall, Ward 3 councillor and the group's liaison, action group members Bill Grylls, Marilyn Wood, Mary Cox, Brian Mould (who received the award on behalf of the store and an action group member) Bonnie Ryall, and Denise Winder. Marja Tuomi, an action group member, was absent for the dinner.

Gooderham thanks Timber Mart

Gooderham Community Action Group held their annual Christmas dinner, penny auction and Gooderham Community Spirit Award on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The recipient of this year's spirit award was Gooderham Timber Mart. For many years now the Gooderham Timber Mart has allowed the Gooderham Community Action group to collect and store beer and alcohol bottles in a shed provided by the

store on their property. This is the main source of our revenue which in turn serves the community. Donations are dropped off at the store and the action group sorts and takes the bottles to the depot.

The recipient is given a plaque for their keeping and a plaque with all the winners to date stays in the Community Centre.

Submitted by Denise Winder



Making spirits bright

Haliburton Girl Guides sang a number of Christmas tunes at Highland Wood on Dec. 7 for residents of the long-term care facility. The annual tradition also includes poems and Christmas stories. From left to right, Morgan, Michelle, Emily, Abby, Carol, Tamara, Makenzey, Kylie and Lily. In behind are Jocelyn and Amanda.



The Haliburton Girl Guides chapter was feeling festive on Dec. 7 as they sang Christmas songs for residents at Highland Wood. The group performed tunes such as Jingle Bells, O Christmas Tree, Winter Wonderland and more. There was also reciting of poetry and Christmas stories. This is an annual tradition at the long-term care home in Haliburton. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



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A child gives Santa a high-five at this year's Rotary Community Christmas and Skating Party on Friday, Dec. 9 at the AJ LaRue Arena in Haliburton. It drew more than a 300 adults and children to share in the joy of the season, skating, pizza, dogsledding and a visit by Santa.

The record setting event, which included 130 Christmas presents for the kids and 40 pizzas, was organized by the Rotary Club of Haliburton and included the Winterdance Dogsled Tours and live entertainment by Jeff Moulton./DARREN LUM Staff



Rotary party thrills

Above, good friends Carter Ouellette, left, and Ben Woodard, both two, were among the kids who turned out in record numbers for the Rotary Community Christmas and Skating Party.

Left, the Winterdance Dogsled Tours were included in this year's Rotary Community Christmas and Skating Party.

Far left, the ice was filled with enthusiastic skaters who zoomed around the surface with glee.

21st Annual Christmas Challenge

Join the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association and help us to make a difference!

As the Christmas party season commences, The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the Food Banks in Haliburton County. This is the 21st anniversary of the Christmas Challenge. Whether this is the first year you have taken the challenge or the 21st year all gifts are needed. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates. A value of \$15.00 each make is easy to top up gifts for families who have teenagers.

Step 1: Call 705-457-6901 in advance to arrange a date to pick up your gifts

Step 2: Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.

Remember to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up **BEFORE December 16th**. Early delivery to the workshops means the elves have enough time to prepare for Christmas.



Call 705-457-6901 and book a time for your gift pick up then start collecting.



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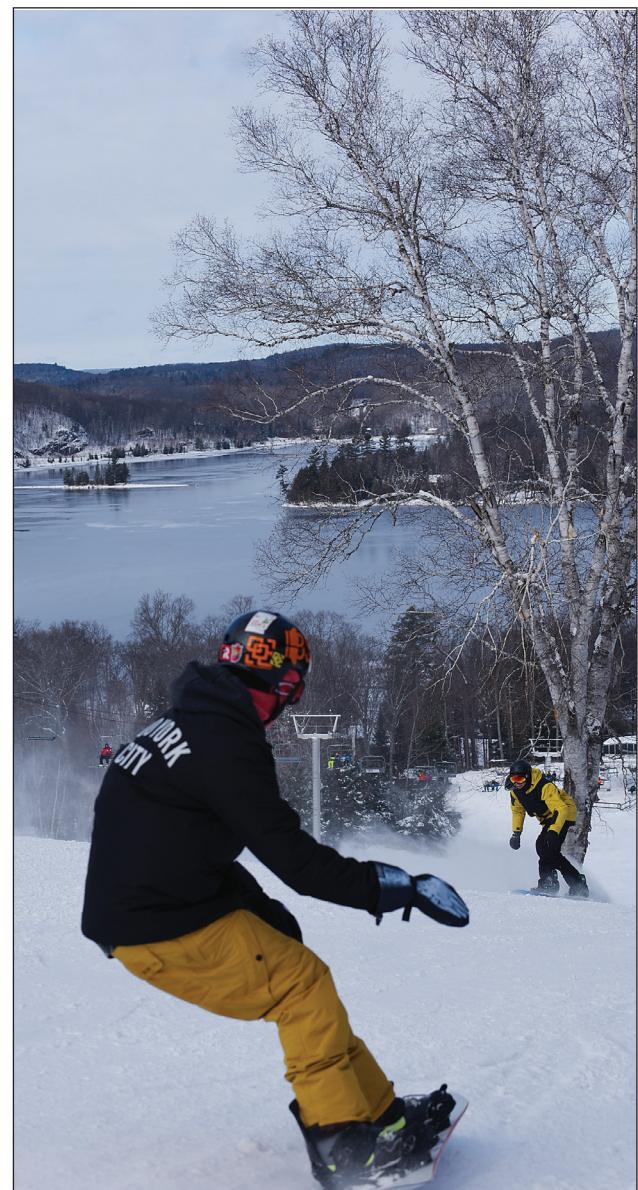
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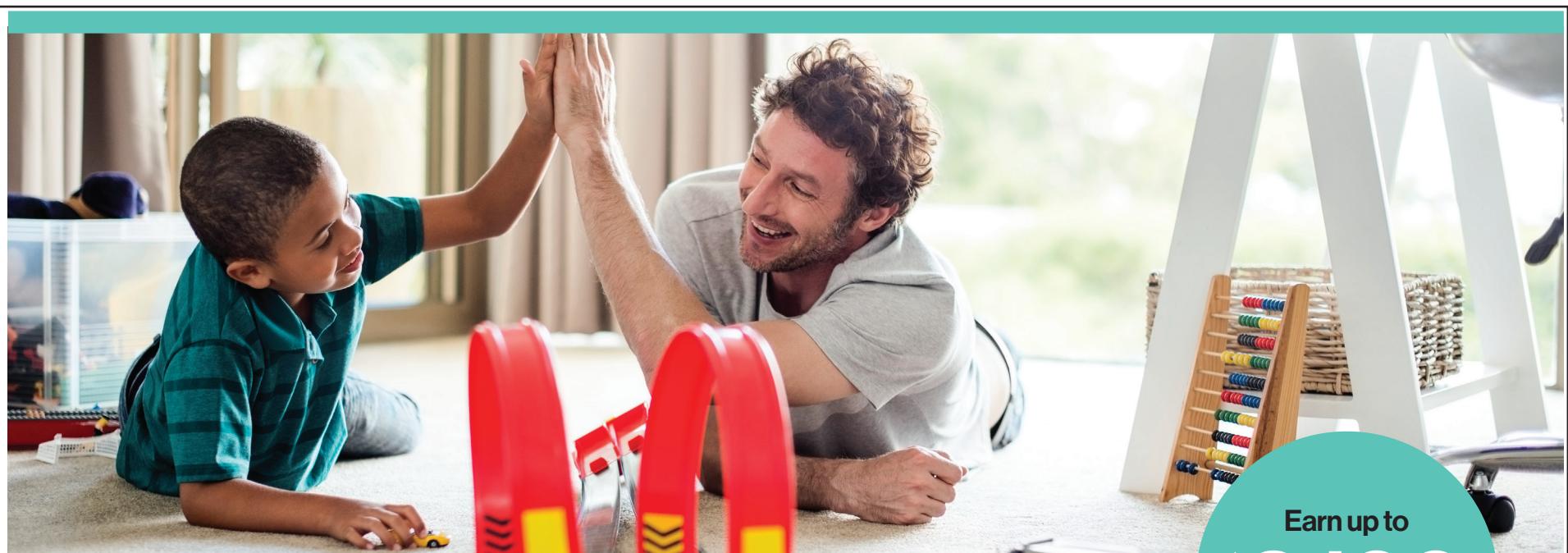
Opening weekend gets snowy welcome

Above, a boarder rides the rail at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride on its first day of the winter slope season on Saturday, Dec. 10 in Eagle Lake. Conditions were sunny and crisp, making it ideal for the skiers and riders, who enjoyed the three machine-groomed runs. For the latest conditions and available runs see sirsams.com.

Right, the view from the Sir Sam's Ski and Ride chalet.
/DARREN LUM Staff



Riders carve down a run at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride on its first day of the winter slope season.



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Hot Town launches at Rails End

Haliburton writer Janet Trull, right, speaks with Myra Stephen at the launch of her book *Hot Town* on Dec. 3 at Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. A collection of short stories, the book includes scenes from Haliburton and Trull's hometown. A longtime Haliburton cottager, Trull has won many writing awards and is a columnist for the *Haliburton County Echo*. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Janet Trull reads a passage from her debut book at the launch of *Hot Town* on Dec. 3 at Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. See Trull's Christmas lesson story in *County Life*.

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Red Hawks tournament is just the beginning

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There's a lot to be said about learning by doing. Steve Smith, coach of the Red Hawks junior girls' volleyball team, gave credence to this after his team hosted five Kawartha West high schools for an invitational exhibition tournament on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

He believes his team will get better with more experience after seeing them play in the team's first competition last week.

"These tournaments are all about experience and so I try to get all the girls some sort of experience. Especially at home. We got parents and whatnot here," he said. "It's fun to get the girls out and involved. It's the first time for some of the girls playing in front of their hometown."

The Hawks played very well in the first two matches.

In their opening match against the Falcons of Fenelon Falls, they were controlling play and were up 12-8, but after the Falcons took an 18-17 they lost their ability to execute getting outscored seven points to nothing to end with a 17-25 loss.

To Haliburton's credit, they came back to split the match 25-17 from a 10-3 run to close out the second game.

With only minutes of rest before they played their next opponents, the Wildcats of I.E. Weldon, the Hawks carried the momentum from their win and beat the Wildcats 25-20. In the second game the Hawks appeared poised to complete the shutout, but could not capitalize on a 12-6 lead and a 20-17 lead. The Wildcats erased both deficits and went on to win 25-23 for the split with an 8-3 run.

The early success for the Hawks didn't carry against their next two opponents: St. Thomas and LCVI.

In both games the Hawks were shut out. Although Haliburton had a strong chance to split the match with St. Thomas, the visiting Titans proved too strong and edged out the red and white 26-24.

After four straight game losses, the Hawks finished strongly and shut out Brock (25-14 and 25-22) to end the day.

During the day nerves played a part with some of the rookies, who felt the pressure to perform. Some even asked to be substituted. Smith still encouraged the rookies to play and take the spotlight.

Smith appreciated his team's effort over the long afternoon, which included 10 games in about three hours. The team finished 4-6.

"It's a long day when you have five or 10 games. It's the first time the girls played it. What I'm doing conditioning with them I'll be telling them, 'remember those 10 games,'" he said.

The team's veterans such as Natalya Gimon and Dakota MacDonald led the way. Both are on club teams and practising twice a week and competing during the weekend in addition to the Hawks. Other players that had a strong afternoon were Samantha Steffenson, Nicole Cox and setters Arden Harrop and Emma Casey. Neither was shy about taking that second ball, often screaming, "mine" to alert teammates. It was a respectable start for rookie Samantha Pamplin.

Smith liked the team's ability to spike and serve, but believes there is room for improvement when it comes to passing.

"It gives me some things to work on. There were serving errors. You get the ball and then serve it right back into the net. I try to tell them: Just get the first one over. Get comfortable and whatnot. They get a little nervous sometimes so we'll take about serving," he said.

Smith takes responsibility for the team's struggles,



The Red Hawks junior volleyball players Samantha Pamplin, left, Danielle Allison and Emma Casey celebrate after closing out Brock 25-14 to take both games in the match during Kawartha High School Volleyball exhibition action on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 6 in Haliburton. The team finished 4-6 overall in the home tournament that included LCVI, I.E. Weldon, Fenelon Falls Secondary School, St. Thomas Aquinas and Brock High School./DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks junior volleyball player Natalya Gimon serves I.E. Weldon during Kawartha High School Volleyball exhibition action on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 6 in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks junior volleyball player Samantha Pamplin rises for a hit against Fenelon Falls Secondary School defenders during Kawartha High School Volleyball exhibition action on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 6 in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff

particularly when the team was blown out.

"That has to do with the coaching. You know what? I was still learning their numbers so sometimes there were some players in different spots that they're not normally in so there was a little bit of confusion. That's [a] coaching [issue]," he said.

The poor rotations costed the team a few points in the early matches, he said.

Positioning and knowledge of who should receive is on the list of things to work on.

Smith said it's part of the process.

"This was the first kick at the can for some of the girls. They did really, really well. They're just having to adapt in the game," he said, referring to position and picking up the ball pertaining to serve reception.

It's all a work in process for them.

"The way volleyball is now if you can serve and get a good pass to your setter the rest of it is easy," he said. "We do a lot of fundamental [work]. It's starting to pay off, but they're not quite where we need to be, but it's a good starting point for them moving forward."

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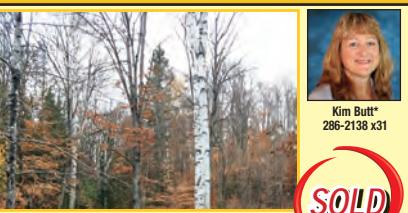
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TASS defender Jordan Sukumaran, left, and Red Hawks centre Owen Patterson-Smith fight for a loose puck during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks won 9-3 for their first league win and improve to 1-1-1. TASS remains winless 0-0-3./DARREN LUM Staff

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First league victory seized by Red Hawks hockey team

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The first win of the season was more about respect for the game than it was about dominating the opponent, said Red Hawks hockey coach Ron Yake.

Taking it 9-3 on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the A.J. LaRue Arena, the home team didn't have to worry about losing, as it started with four goals and then added three more in the second before the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Griffins could respond late in the second.

Yake pointed out high school hockey includes a wide range of talent levels, contributing to lopsided games like this one.

"Some teams have different goals when they're getting a program together and obviously their team has different goals than what we would have," he said. "You have to try and work with that and support their program as well as support ours so I thought our guys did a real good job going out playing hockey hard and realizing, 'you know what, it's time to slow down a little bit and respect the other team for the program they have.' A lot of credit goes to our guys for having some respect in the game and finish it out with class."

If a game between two teams of teenagers could be described as gentlemanly, this was it.

Both teams combined for only three penalties. Haliburton actually were edged out in this regard, finishing with just one while the visitors were penalized for a pair. It was about the only area of the game the Hawks lost at.

TASS played as well as they could, but were easily out-manned, playing with close to two lines to Haliburton's three. Their players were smaller on average in height and girth and several players lacked the skill and pace of the Hawks players.

The Hawks and the Griffins both entered the game winless after two. However, the league's last ranked team, TASS had yet to score any goals in two previ-

ous league games while allowing 12. Yake said his team, which had just come off of a hard fought 2-2 tie in their home opener against Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute, had difficulty with remaining motivated for the third when the game was easily in hand, resulting in being outscored in the last period 2-1.

"Our guys were taking it easy. Not playing full out so that happens," he said.

The coaching staff tried to employ strategies to make the game a little more challenging.

One of them was to encourage each line to pass so everybody on the ice touched the puck before taking a shot at net.

The coaches liked the puck movement, but Yake will focus on raising the efficiency of the powerplay.

Like any year, the team will need time to achieve an efficient powerplay.

"Every year it takes a long time to develop a good powerplay so we're going to keep working on that," he said.

Looking ahead, Yake liked how his team moved the puck and appreciated how some of his players, who would otherwise not get as much ice time or puck possession, got to play in a game situation.

The forward lines, who scored all nine goals against the Griffins, have looked good to Yake, who sees only minor changes if any in the future.

OHL-drafted Mat Wilbee centres a line with Chase Burden and Josh Boice. Another line is Paydon Mischio at centre with Owen Gilbert and Jacob Haedicke, and then Owen Patterson-Smith as centre with Owen Smith, also an OHL draft, and Chris Thompson.

"Line chemistry is important hockey and to find the right mix sometimes takes a while. We're getting there now," he said.

Hawks notes: Owen Gilbert finished with three points (two goals and one assist), Chase Burden two goals; Mat Wilbee three points (one goal and two assists) and Paydon Mischio three points (one goal and two assists).

The team will host Adam Scott this Thursday, Dec. 14 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Puck drops at 3:50 p.m.



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Red Hawks wrestler Aidan Coles dominates in his bronze medal match in the annual Kenner High School Invitational on Wednesday, Nov. 30 in Peterborough.

There were 13 Hawks wrestlers at the event, which included wrestlers from 17 COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) schools. Submitted by Paul Klose



Red Hawks pin down early successes

PAUL KLOSE

Special to the Echo

The 2016 season has begun for the Red Hawks wrestling team.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) wrestlers have been hitting the mats for over a month to prepare for the busy pre-Christmas tournament schedule. This year the team consists of many returning veterans eager to compete. In addition, the team welcomes several rookie wrestlers who are ready to learn the sport.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, a select group of six Red Hawks travelled to Trenton High School for the first competition of the season. All Haliburton athletes returned home with hardware, placing among the top three in their weight classes. Chloe Samson won the bronze medal, while Emily Klose, Sonya Flatman and Austin Weller took silver. A special congratulations goes to Aidan Coles and Rebecca Hamilton who emerged as

champions in their respective divisions.

A week later, 13 Red Hawks represented HHSS at the annual Kenner High School Invitational held in Peterborough. Seventeen schools from the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) and Durham regions attended the event, which showcased several high-calibre matches.

In his first tournament, senior wrestler Dylan Freake (83 kg) went undefeated to take the gold medal. Once again, Aidan Coles wrestled very well to earn a bronze medal in the 89 kg category. Sisters Hannah and Karissa Riopelle also performed well in their wrestling debuts earning bronze and silver, respectively. Emily Klose narrowly lost in the consolation final to take home fourth place.

Congratulations to the entire team on a great start to the season.

Road win to start Red Hawks season

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks senior boys' basketball team started the season well, beating the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute (LCVI) Spartans on Tuesday, Dec. 6 in Lindsay.

"Nice win for the seniors against LCVI. The score was 50-31," head coach Paul Longo wrote in an email. He added the team's press defence caused multiple turnovers, resulting in 14 points.

Hawks player Kyle Cooper led his team with 18 points, including eight boards, four steals, and three assists while teammate Sam Longo added 10 points, five assists, and two steals. Hawks player and veteran from last year McKay Coneybeare distributed the ball well, finishing with eight assists and pitched in also on the glass with five boards and contributed to the defensive end with three steals.

Longo said he received "quality minutes" from his players: Collin Martin, Braden Mertins, Rylan Gwyn, Liam Bergman, Zak Shantz, Cam Little, Brandon Verstege, Sage Christiano and Alec Stoughton.

With files from Paul Longo.

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Tykes have first tournament

The Tom Prentice and Sons tyke team had their first tournament of the season on Saturday, Dec. 3. Deagan Davison scored in the first period starting their first game off against the Kawartha Coyotes Red team. Henry Neilson scored in the second period with Davison and Vanek Logan scoring in the third period to tie it up and move into a shoot-out. Hudson Horsley played tremendously and saved all shots on him in the shoot-out. Evan Perrot and Logan both scored in the shoot-out to win the game 5-4. The second game was a tough battle against the Whitby Wildcats. Davison scored a hat trick with Logan adding to the scoreboard. The team played amazing and fought to the end of the game. Sadly, they lost in the end with a score 10-4. The third and final game against Kawartha Coyote white team was a tiresome battle. It allowed the team to work on their teamwork and moving the puck. Kamahl Russell-Casey raised the puck to score in the first period. The whole team skated hard but wasn't able to pull out a win. What a great start to the tyke season and hard work by all the players. Go, Storm, go!

Submitted by Tamara Bain

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Atoms tie Lightning

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms hosted the Mariposa Lightning at the A.J. LaRue arena on Sunday, Dec. 11. This was a close game from the very beginning. Addison Carr was the first to score early in the first period and Avery Degeer scored assisted by Cody Keller two minutes after but with 20 seconds left the Lightning scored their first goal of the game. The second period started with a goal by the Lightning and then another three minutes later. The Storm were down 3-2. Going into the third, Cooper Coles scored the first goal of the third tying the game 3-3. However at 4:55 Lightning scored to take back their lead. But Storm were not going down that easy, with three minutes left Austin Boylan scored and the game stay tied. The final score was 4-4.

On Dec. 17, the Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travel to Huntsville to face the Huntsville Otters at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Amber Card

Midget A team crushes Rock

The Storm Midget A team crushed the Muskoka Rock 4-1 in Port Carling Sunday afternoon. The first period offered lots of back and forth action but remained scoreless. Both teams worked aggressively to get on the scoreboard in the second period. The Storm team maintained control of the puck after an awesome rush. Passes from Ryan Prentice and Trevor Turner found the stick of Owen Patterson-Smith. He manoeuvred through the defence and his keen eye found the top corner opening, for the first goal. That gave the Storm team a jolt of momentum and they continued to dominate the game. Less than a minute later, Greg Crofts made a quick pass from behind the net to the open Owen Gilbert, he was in front of the net and ready to slam in the second goal. The Storm continued to push. A few minutes later, they successfully duplicated the previous goal. This time it was Nik Dollo who was open in front of the net and ready to score the third goal. The pass from behind the net came from Owen Patterson-Smith. That comfortable 3-0 lead for the Storm midget team ended the second period. It was a fast paced third period and the Rock pushed hard at the Storm. That resulted in a goal and closed the gap to 3-1. Both teams worked hard. As did Greg Crofts when he raced ahead of the Rock's player and picked up the puck for a breakaway. He rushed to the net but was hauled down resulting in an opportunity for the rare penalty shot. The excitement grew as Greg set off, it was a great try and hard shot that just missed. Later, Chris Thompson's tenacious attitude paid off as he fought for the puck, maintained controlled while being pestered, but still managed a shot and got the goal. A great 4-1 win for the Storm.

Drop in to the Haliburton arena Tuesday at 8:30 for the next Storm midget game against the Mariposa Lightning.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Midget B girls grapple with Lynx and Comets

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls hosted Cold Creek on Saturday afternoon in Bancroft. The Jets looked to keep building on their second half of the season focus against the second place Comets in their LLFHL Eastern loop play. Bancroft started the game with an aggressive attack and secured an early first period 1-0 with Kenndal Marsden's snap shot that beat the Comet tender low glove side. Jules Croskery gave the Jets a 2-0 first period lead, finishing off a sweet pass from Katie Funk as she stepped out from behind the Cold Creek net. The Comets gained some momentum in the second when they capitalized on their power play, sliding a deflected puck into the net. Both teams battled to find the next marker but both tenders kept the score at 2-1. Great gritty team effort, Jets!

Bancroft travelled to Lindsay on Sunday night to face off against the pesky Lynx squad. Jordan Brownlee gave the Jets a late first period 1-0 lead capitalizing on a determined effort in the Lindsay end, putting home a loose puck off a scramble in the Lynx goal-mouth. Lindsay evened the score at 1-1 late in the second period with a power play marker from a point shot that went high glove through a maze of players. Both teams tried to find the tie-breaker but could not find the twine at the other end of the rink. The Jets take on the Keene Wolverines next weekend in a home-and-home battle – Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in Keene and then Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in Bancroft. Be sure the tanks are refuelled, girls, as we focus on the weekend challenge in an effort to maintain first place in our Eastern loop.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Peewees vanquish Rock

On Saturday, Dec. 10, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm peewees headed to Port Carling to face the Muskoka Rock. The Storm opened the scoring with a wrap around goal by Nick Phippen unassisted. With both teams battling back and forth the Storm scored again with a goal by Dylan Keefer assisted by Ty Mills. The Muskoka Rock scored one at the end of the first to put the score at 2-1 for the Storm going into the second. The Storm took control in the second period scoring three more goals. Goals scored by Keefer assisted by Mills, Glecoff assisted by Hunter Winder and Evan Armstrong and the final goal scored by Keefer assisted by Hall and Ben Robinson. Great goaltending by Darian Maddock giving the Storm the 8-1 win. The Storm's next game is Saturday, Dec. 17 at 4:10 in Huntsville against the Otters.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Peewee girls tackle Kats

The Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers peewee girls played a double header in Peterborough on Sunday to take on the Ice Kats. The first game saw some great end-to-end action with outstanding saves by both goalies. The Ice Kats proved they were an improved team as they challenged the girls on every play. The Ice Kats had a one-goal lead in the third period but the Jets tied the game with 33 seconds left. Goals scored by Avery Coens and Ava Smith. Assists to Trista Young (2) and Olivia Villamere (2).

The second game of the day the Jets came out wanting the full two points. With good defensive plays to keep the puck out of our end the forwards capitalized on the opportunities and netted three goals giving Bella Smolen the shutout on the game with a final score of 3-0. Goals scored by Mackenzie Hudder, Emma Tidey and Ava Smith. Assists going to Coens, Villamere, Megan Jenkins (2), Young and Tidey.

The girls will play their final home game in Haliburton Saturday at 6 p.m. before the holiday break. Come cheer on the Jets.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Novices have busy weekend

The Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team had a full schedule this past weekend starting on Friday, Dec. 9 when they travelled to Oakwood to play against the Mariposa Lightning. The Storm came out flat in the first period and found themselves trailing by three early. Shortly into the second, the Storm found their stride and the scoring streak began. The Storm continued their offensive pressure for the remainder of the game leading to a 7-4 win for the Storm. Goals were scored by Brechin Johnston, Jace Mills, Josh Scheffee and Liam Harrison. Excellent defence and goaltending sealed the deal for the Storm.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team were off to Parry Sound for a double header in league game action. The first game was a battle from start to finish. Brechin Johnston scored the first goal of the game and put the Storm on top. Excellent defence by Brady Burtch, Evan Jones, Caleb Manning and Parker Simms minimized the scoring power of the Shamrocks. Hard checking by MacLean Rowden and Austin Latanville led to many turnover opportunities for the Storm, and Josh Scheffee capitalized with another goal. The Storm were victorious with a 2-0 win.

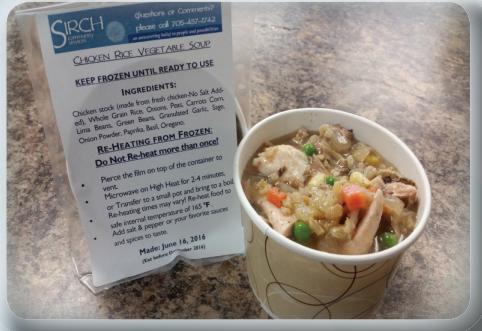
In the second game of the double header, the Storm didn't quite have the same speed and precision and found themselves down early to the Shamrocks. Excellent goaltending by Chase Winder kept the Storm within reach but they just couldn't develop any offensive pressure. The Storm skated well and fought hard but dropped this one 4-0 to the Shamrocks.

After some much needed rest, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team were back on home ice in Haliburton on Sunday, Dec. 11 squaring off against the Sturgeon Thunder. The Storm pressured early but found themselves behind after two periods of play. The Thunder were relentless in their offensive pressure and had a 4-0 lead with minutes remaining in the third period. Brechin Johnston netted a goal just before the buzzer to end the game with a 4-1 loss for the Storm. Another good weekend of hockey for the Storm. The novice team is back in action on Saturday, Dec. 17 when they host the Mariposa Lightning in Haliburton. The puck drops at 11 a.m. See you there.

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

see HIGHLAND page 24

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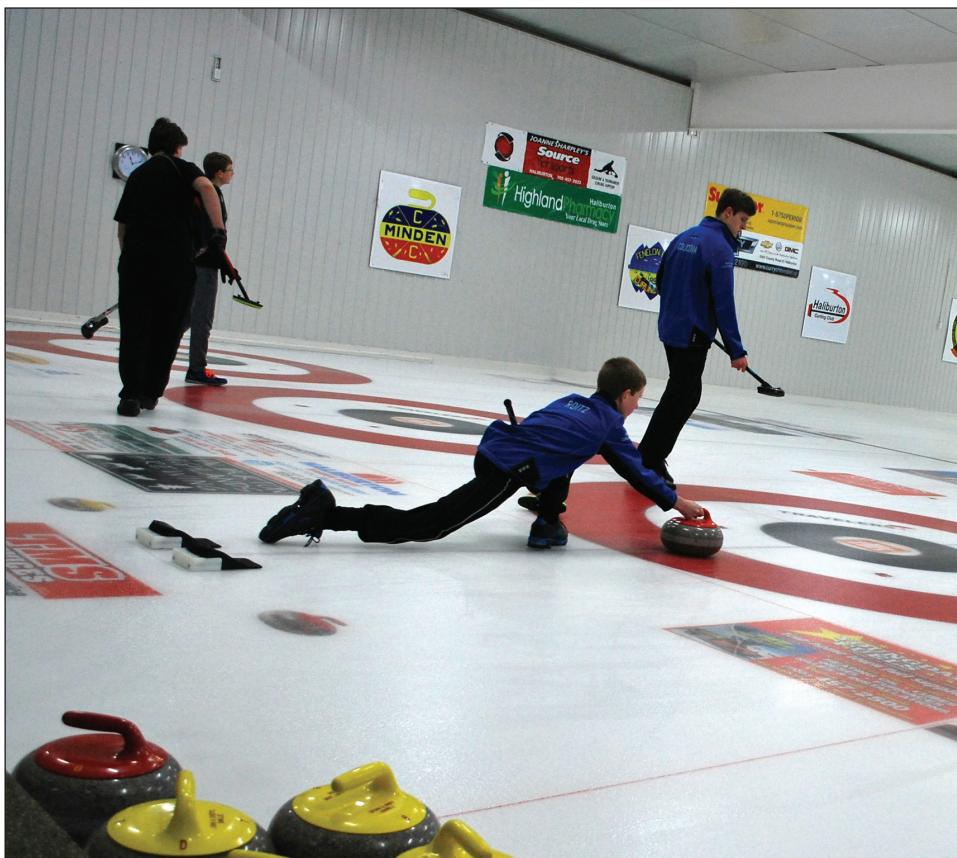
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Youth bonspiel hosted at Haliburton rink

Curlers rocked out at the Haliburton Curling Club for its youth bonspiel on Dec. 3. The bonspiel consisted of two draws – an elementary draw and a draw for older youths, under the age of 18. Teams played two games each. CHAD INGRAM Staff

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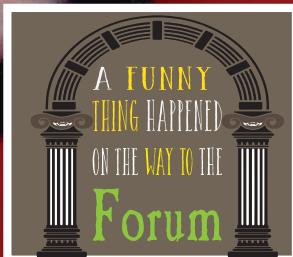
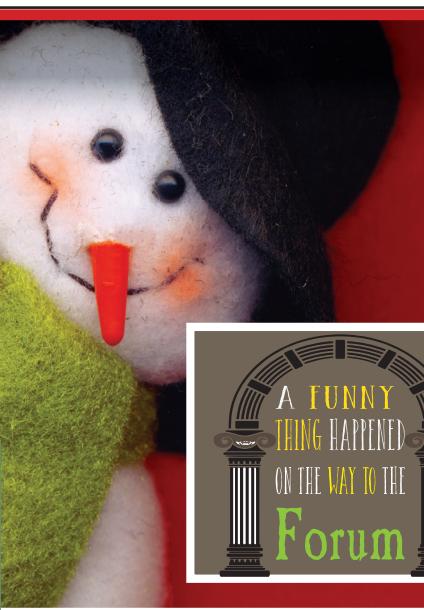


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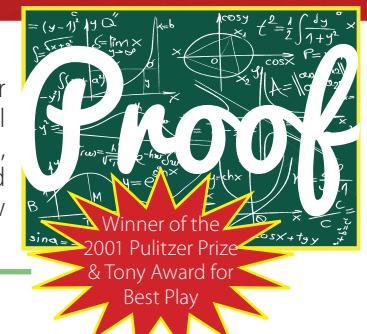
On the eve of her 25th birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire; and the attentions of Hal, a former student of her father's. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness - or genius - will she inherit? **Performances July 17-21, 26-28.**

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by Jerome K Jerome

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THREE MEN in a Boat

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By Norm Foster

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Highland Storm Atom AE play Silver Stick Regional Tournament

from page 20

Players among the three Junior County League teams joined together to represent Highland Storm in the Atom AE Silver Stick Regional Tournament on Dec. 3 and 4, this past weekend.

With only two weeks to prepare a team and two practices co-ordinated by Craig Smith along side with head coach Cory

Simms, assistant coach James Raposo and trainer Chad Russell they all worked hard to turn a great group of players into a team.

Fifteen players set out on the ice early morning Saturday to play the first game against Beeton Stingers and Highland Storm was defeated 12-0. Highland Storm were also defeated in the second game 15-1 against the Lindsay Muskies. Sawyer Bou-

tin got the lone goal.

The final game was against Ingersoll Express, what a nail biter that game was with only 25 seconds left on the clock Ingersoll Express tied up the game with a final score of 5-5. Sawyer Boutin got two goals and Isaac Lee got a hat trick.

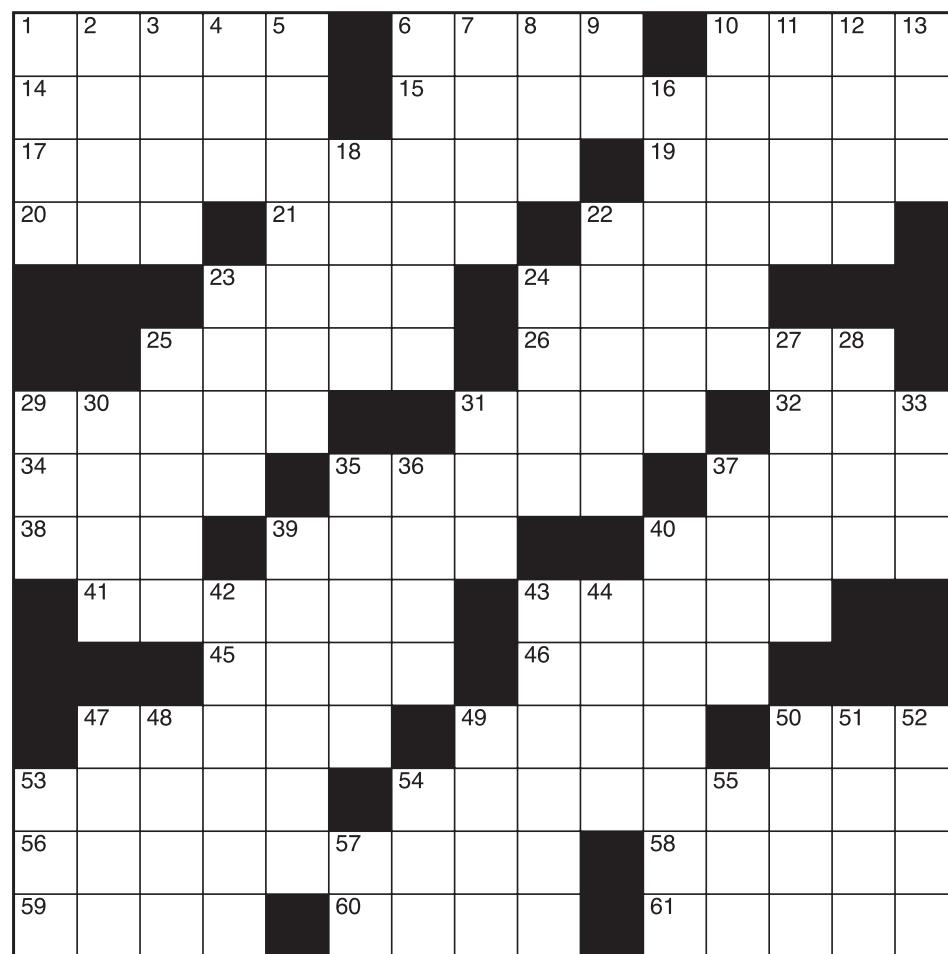
While every single Storm player should be mentioned for their amazing effort and talent out on the ice, it was Carson Simms, our Highland Storm goalie, that was the huge star of the day making countless saves and an all round outstanding player.

While Highland Storm may fallen short of top standings these 15 players never

felt an ounce of defeat. Their voices could be heard echoing across the arena, cheering each other on from the bench. Their enthusiasm and love for the game was seen and heard by all. We are all thankful for the opportunity to play in such an elite event and only hope that they can have the opportunity to compete in several other tournaments before the hockey season ends.

A huge thank you goes out to Craig Smith, who gave our team the opportunity to come together and represent Highland Storm.

Submitted by Angela Russell



CLUES ACROSS

- Leavened rum cakes
- Stepped on
- Arab outer garments
- Positive pole
- Sharpening stone
- Atomic #38
- Omnivorous mammal of C and S Am.
- Records electrical brain currents
- Without (French)
- Mother's sisters
- An open skin infection
- Long mucilaginous green pods
- Past tense of 23 across
- Cereal grain product
- Lack of normal muscle tone
- Lean, scrawny
- Work holiday (informal)
- Abnormal breathing
- Peels
- Capital of the Apulia region
- They —
- Linear unit (Span.)
- More lucid
- 6th largest Russian city
- Fights a short bout
- Ancient Olympic Site
- Companion animals
- Indian frocks
- SE Indonesian island
- The winged goddess of the dawn
- Exchange of goods
- Bird in a pear tree
- A contest in which the winner is undecided
- Tidal bore
- Petite
- Freshwater duck genus
- A nasty smile

CLUES DOWN

- The supporting part
- Poker stake

- Tennis player Bjorn
- Rapid bustling movement
- Centripetal
- Wound around something
- Sumac genus
- Original Equipment Manufacturer
- Alcohol withdrawal symptom
- Unkeyed
- Small water travel vessel
- Family Formicidae
- 3rd largest whale
- Scamper
- Container counterweight
- (Largest) Peoples of Ghana
- Unit of loudness
- Double-reed instrument
- Sole genus
- “Dynasty” actress Linda
- Said of a maneuverable vessel
- Macaws
- Seamen
- A women’s undergarment
- Cost Information Report
- Trims
- River rising in NE Turkey
- Soap blocks
- Overnight case
- Derisive literary works
- Simply
- 5th wheels
- A furry animal skin
- Burning of the Hindu widow
- Actor Ladd
- Bay Area Transit Authority
- The boundary of a surface
- A brutish giant
- One who divines the future
- Very fast airplane
- Frying vessel
- 007’s creator
- 1/1000 of an ampere

Answers on page 26.

Congrats to Barrie Martin

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

We are so proud of Barrie Martin and wish him hearty congratulation as he won the tourism champion of the year award. His efforts, initiative and continuing involvement in the Ontario's Highland's Tourism Organization, the county folk society and Hike Haliburton as well as his Yours Outdoors business deserves all the applause and support we can give him. Long may it continue!

Thanks to David and Leslie Chumbley

for donating the perfect Christmas tree for the town square. For the delight it brings to the village and for sharing the memories of its planting and growing over the years.

Medeba welcomes you to their annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 17.

Euchre players please note: Euchre is cancelled on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.

The Community Centre's meeting last week advises that while plans for Canada Day are in the offing, it may not be held at all since neither Tanya Sisson nor Sara Burtch will be available to take charge of the event this year.

Euchre Scores:
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Art in the park:

*August weekend festival
approved for Head Lake*

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Imagine it's summer, the August civic holiday weekend.

You're wandering through Head Lake Park in Haliburton, seeing the beauty of the Highlands reflected in the artwork of dozens of local artisans who have gathered for a weekend of "art in the park." There's a festive atmosphere, as if creation is at work, and indeed, at some of the booths art is being created as the passersby look on.

Until now, such a sight has strictly been in the realm of imagination. But last week, Dysart et al council gave the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts permission to turn their dreams into a reality.

On Friday August 2 to Monday August 5, Guild members will converge at the park for Artfest '96, their summer show and sale. This will replace the annual event at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, which was losing its gleam of

success.

Many local artisans wanted a change of venue for two reasons: the park is a natural attraction and very visible from the main street, with plenty of adjacent parking. The school is set off from the village and the number of visitors had been decreasing. As well, the sale previously lasted 10 days, which was a huge time commitment for artists and the dozens of volunteers needed to run the sale. Finding those volunteers was getting increasingly difficult and many artisans were not entering their work.

Under the new format, artisans will be sold booth space either in open air or under marquee tents. Fees, which have not been set yet, could range from \$145 to \$200. The Guild also gets a commission of either 25%, if the artisan volunteers six hours to the general operation of the festival, or 33% if they don't.

As a less expensive option,

See ARTISANS page 2

Haliburton Highlands featured on travel show

After television viewers watch the January 24 edition of the Canadian Travel Show, they'll feel compelled to strap on their skis or rev up their snowmobile engines and head for the Haliburton Highlands.

The half-hour show, which will air on the Life Channel at 8:30 p.m., is solely dedicated to exploring the joys of winter in the Highlands. The host's praise is effusive. Ola Sturik (Global TV, Citytv) says the Highlands' beauty in winter is unparalleled, "a paradise" for outdoor enthusiasts. If you like snowmobiling, she says, you cannot find a better place for trails. Winterfest brings the social and recreational aspects of snowmobiling together for a fun weekend. Cross country ski trails pass through beautiful forests. Ice fishing is both economical and enjoyable. The Minden sled dog derby allows you to get a close-up view of a Canadian tradition, and what's more, it's free family entertainment. Skiing at Sir Sam's and wolf watching at Haliburton Forest are two experiences you wouldn't want to miss.

And after you've spent a weekend outdoors, there's nothing better than warming up by the fireplace of the area's several resorts, cabins and bed and breakfasts.

In other weeks, the Canadian Travel Show features some of the country's most popular tourist areas, putting the Highlands in some pretty illustrious company: Vancouver Island, Newfoundland, Banff, Montreal, and many stops in between.

The show is aired at least six times, including Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 10 p.m., and Sundays at 11:30 a.m..



For Heather Roberts of Haliburton, Egg Day is a family tradition. Every January 10, she stands eggs up on their ends. On any other day, she says, they'd end up with the same fate as Humpty Dumpty.

EGGSTRAORDINARY!

*Eggs liberate themselves from confines
of the carton on Egg Day*

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It's one of those things where you have to see it to believe it.

And then you can't ask any questions. Just shake your head and marvel at the sight.

That's what The Echo did last Wednesday at Heather Roberts'

house on Jim Beef Lake, north of Haliburton. There on her kitchen counter and on her floor, eight eggs were standing on their end. That's right, they were just standing there sunning themselves quietly in the early morning light.

To prove this wasn't a hoax, The Echo's investigative

reporter also managed to stand a ninth egg on its end. Compared to Mrs. Roberts' eight eggs, this might not seem like much of an accomplishment, but she has had many more years' experience at it. (Her brother, Ian, is the uncrowned King of Egg Day. He

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650 OBITUARIES

**McInnis, Brian Stewart**

After a courageous battle, passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Thursday, December 8th, 2016, in his 51st year.

Brian was the proud and loving father of Tabetha (Adam Styles), Carter, Morgan (Jessy Buma). He was the much loved son of Hazel and the late Murray McInnis. Dear brother of Heather and Mike Dumont, Nancy and Craig Cadenhead. Uncle and great uncle of Nicole Dumont and Devon Bonneau. He will be greatly missed by his Aunt Joan and Uncle Murray Clayton and cousins Mark Clayton, Marlene Otter, Scott Clayton, and their families. A celebration of Brian's life will take place at the Burnt River Community Recreation Centre, Burnt River on Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations in Brian's memory may be made to Burnt River United Church, Burnt River. A special thank you to Aunt Joan and Uncle Murray for their love, support and many trips to the hospital.

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In Loving Memory of

Melvin Mintz

(Resident of Gooderham, Ontario)

Peacefully at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services on Thursday, December 1, 2016. In his 42nd year.

Beloved husband of Jennifer Graham Mintz. Loving father of Carter, Kendra (Gavin) and Colby. Loving son of Joan Mintz and the late Gary Mintz. Dear brother of Pam (Farron Madill). Lovingly remembered by his mother-in-law Debra Scott (Roger), father-in-law Arnold Graham, brother-in-law of Joe Graham and Jon Consack. Fondly remembered by his many sister-in-laws, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Melvin enjoyed hunting, fishing and time with his family.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gooderham Pentecostal Church on Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Melvin's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.



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